

REMARKS

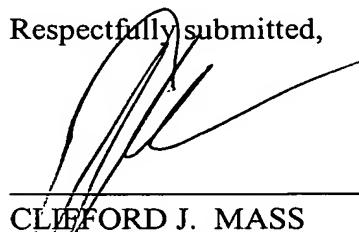
The Official Action of 14 October 2005 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The indication that claims 2-5, 7, 8 and 11-23 are allowed is noted with appreciation. The sole remaining rejections of record are the rejection of claim 6 under 35 USC 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Lee et al, and the rejection of claim 10 under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Lee et al in view of Ichizawa et al. Each of these rejections is predicated on the disclosure in Lee et al of the possible inclusion in the ink composition described therein of an organo-phosphonic acid, such as HEDP, which is one of the chelating agents previously recited in claim 6.

Claim 6 has now been amended to delete HEDP, and since Lee et al does not show or suggest any of the other recited chelating agents, the reference cannot be said to anticipate claim 6 as amended or to render obvious claim 6 as amended, either alone or in combination with the other cited reference (which also does not show or suggest the claimed combination including the recited chelating agents).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the sole remaining rejections of record have been overcome and that the application is now in allowable form. An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited and is believed to be fully warranted.

Respectfully submitted,



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